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Curious Amuſements for the INGENIOUS.

To which are Added the moſt

Material Occurrences Foreign and Domeſtick.

Perform'd by ſome of the Society of GENTLEMEN, *Concern'd in the Firſt and Second* VOLUME, *with the Aſſiſtance of other Ingenious* PERSONS.

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On *Monday* laſt was Publiſh'd

The Firſt Volume of the *Britiſh Apollo* in 8vo. containing above 2000 Anſwers to curious Queſtions in moſt Arts and Sciences, Serious, Comical and Humorous, approv'd of by many of the moſt Ingenious and Learned of both the Universities, and of the Royal-Society. *N. B* Not one Volume of the firſt Edition, bound, was ſold under 15 *s* 6 *d.* and great Numbers were called for after all were diſpoſed off. There being but a few left over what was ſubſcribed for. Now to be ſold at 6*s. per* Book, letter'd on the back, by *J. Mayo*, Painter, over againſt *Water-Lane*, *Fleet-ſtreet*. *S. Clark*, in *Birchin-lane*. *J. Woodward*, in *Scalding-Alley*, both near the *Royal-Exchange*, Bookſellers, and alſo by moſt Bookſellers in *London*.

GENTLEMEN,

Q. OUR *Saviour ſays* (Mat. 12. 32.) *that* whoſoever ſpeaketh againſt the Holy Ghoſt it ſhall not be forgiven him, neither in this World, nor in the World to come. *From which Words the* Papiſts *draw an Argument for their Doctrine of* Purgatory, *becauſe ſay they, they imply, that there are ſome Sins which may be forgiven in the World to come; and ſince there is no Forgiveneſs for thoſe that are condemned to Hell, nor any occaſion for Forgiveneſs to thoſe that are admitted to the Joys of Heaven, it follows there muſt be a Place diſtinct from both in which this Forgiveneſs is to be attained, which they call* Purgatory. *This appearing to ſome a plauſible Argument, I deſire you to Oblige me with an Anſwer to it,*

Your Admirer, G. A.

A. By the ſame way of Arguing, if any one ſhou'd aſſert that a Believer's Sins are not imputed to him in this, nor in the other World, another might from hence infer, that therefore there are ſome Sins not imputed in this World, which ſhall be imputed in the next. Beſides it is abſurd to argue for Remiſſion of Sins in Purgatory, which they themſelves acknowledg to be a Place appointed for Puniſhment of thoſe Sins of Men dying in God's Favor, who had not made full ſatisfaction for them upon Earth. And it is but begging the Queſtion, to ſay that the *World to come* muſt needs be the intermediate Time between Death and the Reſurrection, ſince in Scripture it is always taken for the Time following the Reſurrection. If we appeal to the other Evangeliſts for the true unconſtrained Senſe of this Place, we ſhall find it imports no more than that the Sin againſt the Holy Ghoſt ſhall never be Forgiven. But ſuppoſing with the *Romaniſts* that ſome Sins may be forgiven after Death, how does this prove a Purgatory? Suppoſe ſome, that died in Rebellion againſt God, may be reconciled to his Favour after Death, muſt this needs imply that in order to this Reconciliation they muſt firſt be Tormented in a Place called Purgatory? With as juſt Reaſon might they draw this Concluſion from any other Text in the whole Bible.

Q. Gentlemen, *St.* Paul, *reckoning up the neceſſary Qualifications of a good Biſhop, makes one of them to be, that he be the Husband of one Wife. Now I deſire to know whether he means by this, that he ſhall not have two Wives at the ſame Time, or that he only prohibits them Second Marriages: If the latter ſenſe is the true one, why are Biſhops ſo often guilty of the Breach of this Apoſtolical Conſtitution? For I can give inſtances of ſeveral Biſhops within my own Memory that have been twice Married.*

Your Admirer, D——d R——d.

A. The having or living with two or more Wives at once, cannot be the Thing here meant; for the Law of Nature, of *Moſes*, and of *Chriſt* forbid this generally to all; and therefore there cou'd be no great Excellency in any one that kept

it, to distinguish him from other ordinary Men. The Apostle might according to this sense as well also have instanced, that a Bishop must not be an Adulterer, a Sodomite, or a Murtherer, as not a *Bigamus*. A bare abstaining from such flagrant Crimes cannot be supposed to be mentioned as a part of the Character of a Man of Merit. Neither can the ordinary Digamy be here meant, or the Marrying a second Wife after the Decease of the former. For this contains nothing so reproachful or blameable, as to be a Crime in a Person in Holy Orders. If the Wife dies soon after Marriage without Bearing of Children, why may not a second Marriage be allowable to any Person, since it tends as much to the Ends of its Institution as the former? This Prohibition is not found in the Laws of any Nation, and the Apostle is elsewhere clear, that when the Husband is Dead, the Woman is free to Marry another Man, *Rom.* 7. 3. and the same Liberty must by Parity of Reason be allowed the Man. There istherefore a third Notion which will very well agree to this Place, *viz.* Marriage after a Divorce. He that was guilty of this, was under no Censure by humane Laws, either of *Jews* or *Romans*; but by the Apostles Direction he is thought unworthy of Holy Orders: He requires the same Purity and Perfection in such as are to be Ministers of the Gospel, as was in the High-Priest among the *Jews*, who was neither to be a Poligamist, nor to marry again after a Divorce, nor marry one that was Divorced.

Q. Gentlemen, *How is* Indico *made? Is it taken out of the Ground in the same Form as it is brought over hither? or is it so made by Art,*

Your Subscriber, &c.

A. Indico is an Herb which is produced all over the *West-Indies*, and most of the *Caribbe* Islands. *Dampier* informs us, that it grows a Foot and half or two Foot high, full of small Branches, and the Branches full of Leaves, resembling those that grow on Flax, but more thick and substantial. They cut this Herb or Shrub and cast into a large Cistern made in the Ground for that purpose, which is half full of Water. The *Indico* stalk or Herb remains in the Water till all the Leaves and Bark rot off, and in a manner dissolve, After this the shrub or woody Part is taken out, and the Water, which is likeInk, settles, and the *Indico* falls to the bottom of the Cistern like Mud. When it is thus settled they draw off the Water, and take the Mud and lay it in the Sun to dry; which there becomes hard, as we see it brought to us.

Q. Gentlemen, *I am arrived to the Age of* 25, *and have no more appearance of a Beard, than I had at* 5. *which was the only Reason of late of my being refused by a Fortune, who otherwise I could not have missed. Now I'm apt to believe you are not Ignorant of several harmless things for making Hair grow, nor I presume is there any more Sin in it than in supplying other defects of Nature by Art. Your Advice of this in your next, with your Judgments concerning the Causes of Hair not growing, will intirely Oblige,*

Gentlemen,

Your great Admirer and very Humble Servant,

S. M.

Note, *I am sufficiently supplied with Hair on the other Parts of my Body.*

A. The Index of our first Volume will direct you where to find the Reason, why some have Hair, where others have not; but we must refer you to the other Publick Papers for Remedies, if you have Faith in them. But we wou'd Advise you not to endeavour to look Older 'till you are Wiser, least you disappoint Peoples Expectations. Had you not told us, we shou'd have guest that your Beard was not come by the State of your Question.

Q. Worthy Gentlemen, *Your speedy Answer to the following Question will very much Oblige several of your Admirers, a Wager depending on it.*

A. B. C. D. *were Playing at Whist.* A. and B. *were Partners, and* C. *and* D. A. *and* B. *got* 8, C. *and* D. *were none.* B. *dealt the Cards, one by one, and they came out right in the Dealing. The Cards were Played, and at the last Trick,* C. *said he wanted a Card, but looking on the Ground found it at his Feet.* C. *and* D. *would have the Cards dealt over again,* A. *and* B. *would not [illegible] they [illegible] got two by Cards, said they were up.* N. B. *The Card on the Ground would [illegible] have saved the Game, if* C. *had had it in his Hand, but* C. *affirms he never had it in his Hand. Pray,* Gentlemen, *ought* A. *and* B. *to be up, or ought the Cards to be dealt again.*

Your Admirer, W. B.

A. The Cards being rightly dealt one by one, and no Exceptions took to the Deal till the Cards were Play'd, the Dealing ought to be allow'd of for good; otherwise any Person, when he dispair'd of the Game, might drop a Card and pretend he never had it; by consequence *A.* and *B.* were up; nay had been so in getting two, in Case the dropt Card might possibly have turn'd the Game so, as to have made *C.* and *D.* up; it being found too late to be Play'd.

POEMS.

APOLLO,

Q. *WE'll not Advertise you,*
By Trumpets or Drumming,
That Valentine's *Day,*
Will be shortly a coming;
For you whose bright Knowledg
So much does excel,
In other things also
Must know that as well.
Now for Introduction,
I hope that's enough,
For I much abhor
All Impertinent stuff,
Therefore to avoid
All further delaying,
St. Valentine's *Day*
(As before it was saying)

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Being

Being now juſt at Hand,
Pray, Reſolve in a trice,
A Query that's Intricate,
Subtil and Nice:
And whoſe Reſolution,
My Mind does perplex;
Suppoſe that a Valentine,
Of the Fair Sex;
I chooſe not by chance,
But by Previous Deſign,
Upon which Account
She more juſtly is mine.
Since 'tis then a Cuſtom,
Fair Preſents to make,
Pray, ſay if I ought,
Or to give or to take:
For ſince my Reſpect,
By my chooſing I meant,
Methinks ſhe in Gratitude,
Ought to Preſent:
But if this is wrong,
Then, Pray, Sir, rehearſe,
How I muſt behave my ſelf,
In the Reverſe:
Suppoſe I'm her choice,
And the better to ſhow it,
Her Ticket *ſhe wears,*
That th' whole Town may know it:
If I'm bound to give,
When I make my own choice,
For the Like *in like Caſes,*
You'll ſure give your Voice.
To tell you the Truth,
Upon her I'd pitch me,
Whoſe generous Temper,
Inclines to enrich me;
Reſolve me but this,
As I kneel at your Shrine.
And I'll all your Oracles,
Hold for Divine.

A. Tho' thou kneel'ſt at our Shrine,
Thou moſt niggardly Clown,
Canſt thou from *APOLLO*
Hope ought but a Frown;
For making your Suits
To the Fair to enrich ye;
As if Gold cou'd ſtronger,
Than Beauty bewitch ye.
Yet know, you're oblig'd
Without further delay,
The *Preſent* to make,
Whether you chooſe or they.
If you make the choice,
It will look Mean and Baſe,
To go empty-handed,
And your Morals diſgrace:
But if ſuch an Honour,
For you they conclude,
To decline an Acknowledgment's
Brutiſhly rude,
Since 'tis then a Favour,
For them to accept,
And greater if they
Condeſcend to Elect,
You're both ways in Gratitude
Bound to Preſent:
And well may be proud
If they Crown the Event.

Q. APOLLO, *pray tell us,*
Four Gay, Jolly Fellows,
Who're Drinking a Glaſs at the Roſe,
How long you deſign,
To continue your Shrine,
How long to ſolve Queſtions propoſe.

And pray likewiſe Anſwer,
(That is if you can, Sir,)
Tho' ſuch Learned Anſwers you give,
If Queſtions ridiculous,
Whoſe Nonſenſe wou'd Tickle us,
You don't very often receive.

A. As long as we've ſcope,
We've reaſon to Hope;
That this *Undertaking* will laſt:
And that's while we find,
An Inquiſitive Mind,
Or Readers that have any Taſt.

Ridiculous Queſtions
As well as the beſt ones;
We ev'ry Day do receive,
If any ſhou'd doubt,
We can't make it out,
Yours we for an Inſtance wou'd give.

SIR,

THE Letters from Venice, January 10th, Adviſe that the Senate has recieved advice by ſeveral ways, that the Turks have reſolved to declare War againſt the Czar of Muſcovy and the King of Poland, and are accordingly making great Preparations both by Sea and Land; that the ſame is confirmed by Letters from Durazzo, which tell them that the Baſſa of Albania has recieved Orders to ſend the Forces in his Government towards Adrianople, and to raiſe a conſiderable Numer of Foot; That by a Ship arrived in

30 Days from Conſtantinople there is Advice, that Muſcovite Ambaſſador is committed Priſoner in the Seven Towers, ſo that there is no longer doubt of any open Rrpture between that Port and Muſcovy, The Letters from the Hague, January 23d. Adviſe that General Staremberg is arrived at Barcelona with 1500 Horſe, being followed by his Infantry; but as they have that Intelligence from France, it ought not to be credited more than their other Advices, that all the Letters from Turkey confirm that the Turks are making great Preparations of War againſt the Czar, but they Write from Poland, that that Prince is reſolved to prevent his Enemies, and march into Turky with a great Army before the Infidels have aſſembled their Forces,

London, January the 22d.

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